

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. By the Amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 7, and 10 are amended, and claims 14-20 are added. No new matter has been introduced into the application. Support for the claims can be found in the original specification, including original claims and the figures. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in the Office Action, at page 3, that claims 11-13 contain allowable subject matter. However, for at least the following reasons, Applicants believe that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Office Action objects to claims 1 and 10 for minor informalities. Applicants respectfully traverse the objections and submit that the objections are obviated by the above amendments to claims 1 and 10. Withdrawal of the objections is thus respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-10 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,604,062 to Williams et al. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-10 are patentably distinct from claims 1-10 of Williams et al. Nonetheless, in an effort to expedite prosecution of the application, Applicants have filed herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). Withdrawal of the rejection is thus respectfully requested.

New claims 14-20 have been added, and are believed to be in condition for

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allowance. Claims 14-20 ultimately depend from claim 1, and are allowable for at least the same reasons, as well as the additional patentable features recited therein, and the combinations thereof.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Garth D. Richmond**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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